

Introduced by Senator Simitian

February 24, 2006

An act to amend Sections 8310.5 and 19799 of the Government Code, relating to state agencies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1615, as introduced, Simitian. State agencies: collection of data: ancestry or ethnic origin.

Existing law requires state agencies, boards, or commissions that directly or by contract collect demographic data as to the ancestry or ethnic origin of Californians, and state agencies conducting surveys as to the ancestry or ethnic origin of state civil service employees, to use separate collection categories for each major Asian and Pacific Islander group.

This bill would additionally require these entities to ensure that data is, at a minimum, collected and tabulated according to specified federal standards.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8310.5 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:
3 8310.5. Any state agency, board, or commission ~~which that~~
4 directly or by contract collects demographic data as to the
5 ancestry or ethnic origin of Californians shall ~~use~~ *do both of the*
6 *following:*
7 (a) *Ensure that data is, at a minimum, collected and tabulated*
8 *according to standards defined by the Office of Management and*

1 *Budget's current Statistical Policy Directive No. 15, Race and*
2 *Ethnic Standards for Federal Statistics and Administrative*
3 *Reporting.*

4 (b) Use separate collection categories and tabulations for each
5 major Asian and Pacific Islander group, including, but not
6 limited to, Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese,
7 Asian Indian, Hawaiian, Guamanian, Samoan, Laotian, and
8 Cambodian.

9 SEC. 2. Section 19799 of the Government Code is amended
10 to read:

11 19799. When any state agency conducts any survey as to the
12 ancestry or ethnic origin of state civil service employees, or
13 maintains any statistical tabulation of minority group employees,
14 it shall ~~use~~ *do both of the following:*

15 (a) *Ensure that data is, at a minimum, collected and tabulated*
16 *according to standards defined by the Office of Management and*
17 *Budget's current Statistical Policy Directive No. 15, Race and*
18 *Ethnic Standards for Federal Statistics and Administrative*
19 *Reporting.*

20 (b) Use separate collection categories for each major Asian
21 and Pacific Islander group, including, but not limited to, Chinese,
22 Japanese, Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese, Asian Indian, Hawaiian,
23 Guamanian, Samoan, Laotian, and Cambodian in the survey or
24 tabulation.